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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for Planning  
and Coordination  
Director of Training  
Assistant Director/National Estimates  
Assistant Director/Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Research and Planning Staff for the Study of  
International Communism

1. On 18 August 1955 the DEI approved a paper prepared by the SA/PC/DEI on an organizational proposal for the production of intelligence on International Communism. One of the approved recommendations was that two or three senior officers be assigned to devote themselves to continuing basic and operational research on, and speculative study of, communism and the means of countering communism. These officers were to be administratively assigned to the DE/I and were to be selected on the basis of individual merit from any part of the Agency or from outside.

2. My office with the assistance of the Office of Personnel has made an Agency-wide search for individuals who would qualify for this assignment and a small number of the most qualified have been recommended to me. The problem now remains to select from these the chief of the Staff and two staff members. In addition I would like to discuss the problem of physical location and a suggestion that the group in the Office of Training who are doing research on this subject for instructional purposes be combined with the proposed Staff.

3. I believe these matters can best be settled by a meeting of those most interested. Therefore, will you be good enough to meet in my office on Wednesday, 2 November 1955 at 2:00 P.M.

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